1990-91	125.46	69.66
1991-92	127.28	72.17
1992-93	126.57 (Estimated)	Not available

(b) to (d) During current Kharif 93 season, as on 15-7-1993, the sales of urea registered an increase of 27% compared to the same period last year while that of DAP and MOP registered a decline of 56 and 44 per cent respectively. Decline in the sale of DAP and MOP has been mainly due to the increase in their prices consequent on their decontrol in August, 1992. The Government of India have provided a sum of Rs. 756 crores for sale of decontrolled fertilizers at concessional rates during the Kharif and Rabi seasons during the current year.

Priority towards Co-operatives Sector

1563. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given low priority to the Co-operative sector;

(b) what is Government's assessment regarding co-operatives set up in the backdrop of liberalisation of economy; and

(c) if not, how Government propose to strengthen co-operatives and make it a people's movement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government have felt need to give more autonomy to cooperatives and to strengthen them. Various steps undertaken to strengthen the cooperatives include the preparation of Business Development Plans for Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies, formulation of a national policy on cooperation and reformulation of Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 on the lines of recommendations of the Committee set up by Planning Commission. Cooperation being a State subject, State Governments have also been requested to reformulate their cooperative legislations in order to give desired autonomy to the cooperatives so as to make cooperatives a people's movement.

Mushroom Cultivation Programme

1564. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Commission of the European Communities and the Ph.D. Chamber of Commerce and Industry have agreed to undertake a massive mushroom cultivation programme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The Government is not aware about the agreement to undertake the massive mushroom cultivation programme by P.H.D. Chamber of Commerce with the assistance of Commission of the European Community.

(b) Does not arise.

केन्द्रीय भांडागार निगम के माल-गोदामों में अनियमितताएं

1565. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव**: क्या खाद्य मंत्री 26 फरवरी, 1993 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 557 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) माल-गोदामों में अनियमितताओं का पता लगाने के लिए सरकार द्वारा कौन-कौन से कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं;

(ख) पिछले छः महीनों के दौरान इस दिशा में कौन-कौन से कदम उठाए गए हैं; और

(ग) माल-गोदामों में पता लगी अनियमितताओं का ब्यौरा क्या है?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्पनाथ राय): (क) केन्द्रीय भंडारण निगम के भांडागारों में अनियमितताओं का पता लगाने के लिए निगम के वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों द्वारा वर्ष में दो बार भांडागारों का निरीक्षण किया जाता है जिसमें परिचालनों के सभी पहलुओं को देखा जाता है। सामान्य निरीक्षणों के अलावा, किन्हीं भी अनियमितताओं का पता लगाने के लिए भांडागारों की आंतरिक लेखा परीक्षा भी की जाती है।

(ख) और (ग) गत छः महीनों अर्थात् जनवरी, 1993 से जून, 1993 के दौरान सामान्य निरीक्षणों के अंतर्गत 314 भांडागारों का निरीक्षण किया गया। इसके अतिरिक्त, आंतरिक लेखापरीक्षा दल द्वारा भी 58 भांडागारों का निरीक्षण किया गया जिसके दौरान स्टाक, स्टोर्ज और नकदी आदि से संबंधित